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Total.—£6,616 14s. 7d.

Correspondence

Relief for Doctors in Bombed Areas

SIR,—In two recent numbers of the *Journal* it has been suggested in the correspondence columns that rural medical officers attached to the first-aid posts should volunteer to relieve medical officers in the big towns who have been "up the line" continuously since August 11. Provided the M.O. I relieve could come down here and take over my practice for a fortnight, I would willingly volunteer to relieve him. He must be able to do midwifery! I can come any time between the end of November and Christmas.—I am, etc.,

Bourne, Lincs, Oct. 17. J. A. GALLETLY.

An E.M.S. Contract

SIR,—To-day I received an offer of employment from the Ministry of Health and am required to sign a contract which contains the following clause: "An officer is under an obligation to serve during the duration of the emergency or for such shorter period as his services may be required. Subject to approved service, however, a minimum period of service dating from the date of joining for duty to November 30, 1940, is guaranteed unless air hostilities in the country terminate earlier."

I thought in my innocence, having been bombed out of my house, that we were fighting for freedom against the Nazis. I find, however, that it is Whitehall which has developed the serf mentality. This contract is infamous. In plain language it means that any officer joining the service is liable to instant discharge, but is bound body and soul to serve at the pleasure of the Minister. Could Hitlerism be more triumphant and the degradation of the medical profession more complete?—I am, etc.,

Oct. 20. GUY NEELY.

Dependants of E.M.S. Doctors

SIR,—Now that the *Blitzkrieg* is on I wish to raise again the unfortunate position of dependants of doctors in the E.M.S. who are fatally injured while on duty. The instructions recently issued to medical officers of mobile units are that they should report on every "raid." This, in my own case, having a scattered country practice, sometimes entails driving five miles amidst falling shrapnel and occasional bombs. Surely if any of us is as "unlucky" as some of our sorely tried London colleagues, our dependants ought to be treated at least equally with those of a lieutenant in the R.A.M.C.—I am, etc.,

Oct. 5. M.O. THAMES ESTUARY MOBILE UNIT.

Medical Calling Up

SIR,—In 1935 I joined the Territorial Army and in August, 1939, I was called up. Since the war started I have read with many misgivings of the difficulties of getting doctors to join up. This has apparently not been among the older men, many of whom I met called up with me, but among the younger ones, and especially among those who were beginning to follow the course that I took myself and take specialist qualifications. When the war came I shut the door of my consulting-room and "toed the line," and left what looked

like a promising practice. Now when I lie perspiring on my camp bed I suffer from rather nasty qualms, for I see in the future that welcome that awaited so many of the volunteers of the last war when they returned—namely, the fate of finding that all I have worked for has been gradually taken away by these rather unpleasant young persons whose financial acumen is more pronounced than their willingness to help the country.

Rightly or wrongly, I have the impression, shared by others, that if and when these young men are persuaded to take part it will only be "in view of." We also have the impression that the first people to be demobilized will not be those volunteers and Territorials who went willingly and at once but those who were persuaded by the offers made them. Now do not be misled by the fact that people joined the Territorial Army into thinking that they did so because they wished to be a sort of soldier; we joined up because we thought that men were needed, that a lead was needed from what were the leading classes, and also because to us our families were worth fighting for. And I have no hesitation in saying that we all would do it again.—I am, etc.,

The Middle East, July, 1940. TERRITORIAL.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Lieut. D. C. Dobson to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

Major-General R. C. Priest, from Consulting Physician to the Army, to be Inspector of Medical Services.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) G. W. Will, O.B.E., having attained the age for retirement, has retired and remained employed.

Lieut.-Colonel G. B. F. Churchill, retired pay, late R.A.M.C., has reverted to the rank of Major at his own request, whilst employed during the present emergency.

Captains S. W. Smith, (Temporary Major) J. M. Officer, and (Temporary Major) W. B. F. Brennan to be Majors.

Lieuts. G. E. Gray, H. F. L. Gallaher, H. L. Connor, I. D. Paterson, I. W. H. Mansfield, R. S. McGeorge, D. G. Howatson, D. A. Bird, and C. D. Salmond to be Captains.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Air Commodores W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C. (Acting Air Vice-Marshal), and H. E. Whittingham, C.B.E. (Acting Air Vice-Marshal), to be Air Vice-Marshals (temporary).

Group Captains W. A. S. Duck, O.B.E., A. E. Panter, and A. Grant, M.B.E., to be Air Commodores (temporary).

Flying Officers A. Wardale, A. R. Agate, and A. McDougall to be Flight Lieutenants

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE: MEDICAL BRANCH

Flying Officers L. O'N. Knox, R. J. H. Raines, and J. Glover to be Flight Lieutenants.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

J. G. Stewart and J. H. Doggart to be Squadron Leaders.

S. L. W. Erskine to be Flight Lieutenant.

Flying Officers J. M. Kerr, W. C. Baird, J. A. Sinclair, R. J. Healey, R. B. Bell, W. M. Ritchie, J. Mackellar, D. E. Price, W. J. C. Anstie, and N. E. Stidolph to be Flight Lieutenants.

To be Flying Officers: G. G. Bisley, J. H. Brewster, J. Colover, F. W. T. Davies, A. G. Edwards, R. W. Elliott, F. A. Forbes, M. P. J. Hickey, G. M. Jones, G. E. P. Kelly, D. MacPherson, A. D. Messent, R. D. McD. Morrison, S. Rosehill, J. M. Smiles, D. C. Bodenham, J. F. Bourdillon, D. Boyars, L. Boyars, J. C. A. L. Colenbrander, C. N. Faith, M. M. Frais, C. J. Griffin, E. F. G. James, L. C. Liddell, C. G. Nairn, and A. T. O. Speirs.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The notification regarding Major D. C. Ogilvie in the *London Gazette* of September 10, 1940, has been cancelled.

Major J. H. M. Frobisher, O.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

Captains (Temporary Major) R. C. Aitchison, (Temporary Major) L. Buckley, and J. W. Cannon to be Brevet Majors under the provisions of Article 168, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1940.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut. C. M. Isherwood, from Manchester Regiment, Supplementary Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Colonel D. J. Davies has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health and retained his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Major W. Lumley has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health and retained his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

The notification regarding (Brevet Major) T. E. Hastings, M.C., in the *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* dated September 3, 1940, has been cancelled.

Captain G. A. F. Holloway has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Lieut. T. L. Oliver to be Captain.

Captain K. W. N. Palmer from Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, to be Lieutenant.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

F. D. Howitt, M.V.O., to be Lieutenant and has been promoted to the rank of Acting Colonel.

Lieut. (War Substantive Captain) W. Giles has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Lieut. T. C. Keble from Temporary Commission to be Lieutenant.

Lieut. H. G. R. Canning, from the Army Dental Corps, to be Lieutenant.

Lieut. J. G. S. Turner, from General List (West Africa), to be Lieutenant.

Lieuts. J. M. Davidson and A. H. Hennessey have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

Lieuts. J. L. Barford and T. E. Broadbent have relinquished their commissions.

Lieuts. J. H. Rayner and J. McGhee have resigned their commissions.

To be Lieutenants: G. I. Davidson, P. K. Murphy, J. B. Shaw, R. Mennie, A. Maberly, A. L. Stephen, W. O. G. Taylor, G. L. Haine, J. C. G. Moore, E. J. M. Bowlby, and H. Wren.

British Medical Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association was announced to be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on Monday, October 21, 1940, to consider the appointment of auditors and to receive and approve the statement of accounts of the Association as published in the *Supplement* to the *British Medical Journal* of April 7, 1940. Mr. H. S. Souttar, Chairman of Council, took the chair, but the necessary quorum not being present the meeting stands adjourned, pursuant to Article 33, to Monday, October 28, 1940, at B.M.A. House at 2.30 p.m.

October 21, 1940. G. C. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

B.M.A. LIBRARY HOURS

Until further notice the library of the Association will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.). Members are reminded that books may be borrowed by post. Inquiries should be addressed to the Librarian.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations. *Daily*, 1.30 p.m., Post-mortem Demonstration. *Wed.*, 11.30 a.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Medical); 2 p.m., The Pathology of Gastric Lesions, Prof. J. H. Dible; 3 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Surgical). *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Radiological Demonstration, Dr. Duncan White. *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Gynaecological); 2.30 p.m., Sterility Clinic, Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*Royal Cancer Hospital*, Fulham Road, S.W.—Tues., 2 p.m., Wed. and Fri., 10 a.m., Final F.R.C.S. Revision Course. *Radcliffe Infirmary*, Oxford.—Course in Anaesthetics for D.A. candidates. (Strictly limited.)

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—*Wed.*, 3 p.m. Arris and Gale Lecture by Prof. John Beattie: Fluid Therapy.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Odontology.—Mon., 3 p.m. Presidential Address by Dr. Evelyn C. Sprawson: Forensic Aspects of the Teeth and Jaws.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Mon.*, 3 p.m., Discussion: The Chemotherapy of War Wounds. To be introduced by Colonel C. Max Page, Dr. Leonard Colebrook, and Mr. W. H. Ogilvie.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this head is 10s. 6d. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated with the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than the first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE

WILLIAMS—RIDGERS.—On October 12, 1940, at Cleeve Hill, Bryan Williams, F.R.C.S.Ed., M.R.C.O.G., to Marjorie Ellen Ridgers.

Mr. W. L. Peel has been appointed secretary-accountant to the London Public Medical Service, and took over the duties on October 1. The Council of the Service at its last meeting expressed its appreciation of the services of Dr. Alfred Cox, who retired on the same date after having been secretary for seven years, and of Mr. Thorne Baker, who had been accountant since the inception of the Service.